

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action of June 30, 2005, in which claims 1-7 are presently pending. Of those, claims 1-4 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,072,233 to Corisis, et al. In addition, claim 6 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Corsis, et al. However, the Examiner has further indicated that claim 5 would be allowable over the references of record if rewritten in independent form, while claim 7 has been allowed. For the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of now cancelled claims 1-4 therein. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 5, thereby rendering claim 6 allowable over the art of record. Since no new issues are raised by the present amendment, it is therefore in compliance with 37 CFR 1.116(b). As such, Applicants respectfully request entry of the same.

For the above stated reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered and no additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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